

## **ARTICLE 52**

### **SOLICITORS AND CANVASSERS**

#### **Section 1            License Required**

It shall be unlawful for any solicitor or canvasser as defined in this by-law to engage in such business within the Town of Natick without first obtaining a license therefor in compliance with the provisions of this by-law. The provisions of this by-law shall not apply to any person exempted under Chapter 101 of the General Laws, or to any person duly licensed under Chapter 101 of the General Laws, or to any person exempted by any other General Law, nor shall this by-law be construed to prevent route salesmen or other persons having established customers to whom they make periodic deliveries from calling upon such customers or from making calls upon prospective customers to solicit an order for future periodic route deliveries. The provisions of this by-law shall not apply to any person who goes door-to-door to sell goods or periodicals on behalf of any group organized for any political purpose or for any purpose described in section four of chapter one hundred and eighty of the Massachusetts General Laws, and the provisions of this by-law shall not apply to any person under the age of eighteen years who sells or offers to sell newspapers.

#### **Section 2            Definition**

A solicitor or canvasser is defined as any person who, for himself, or for any other person, firm or corporation travels by foot, automobile or any other type of conveyance from place to place, from house to house, or from street to street, taking or attempting to lease or take orders for retail sale of goods, wares, merchandise, or services, including without limiting, the selling, distributing, exposing for sale or soliciting orders for magazines, books, periodicals or other articles of a commercial nature, the contracting of all home improvements, or for services to be performed in the future whether or not such individual has, carries or exposes for retail sale a sample of the subject of such sale or whether he is collecting advance payment on such retail sales.

#### **Section 3            Application**

Applicants for a license shall file with the Chief of Police, on a form issued by the Police Department, a written application signed under penalties of perjury, containing the following information:

- (a) Name of applicant
- (b) Address of applicant (local and permanent home address)
- (c) Applicant's height, weight, eye and hair color
- (d) Applicant's social security number
- (e) The length of time for which the right to do business is desired
- (f) A brief description of the nature of the business and the goods to be sold
- (g) The name and home office address of the applicant's employer. If self-employed, it shall so state.

- (h) A photograph of the applicant which picture shall be submitted by the applicant and be 2" x 2" showing the head and shoulders of the applicant in a clear and distinguishing manner
- (i) If operating a motor vehicle: the year, make, model, motor number, registration number, state of registration, vehicle's owner and address.

At the time of filing the application, each applicant shall pay a fee of five (\$5.00) dollars.

#### **Section 4            Issuance of License**

A license shall be issued to any person who provides the information required by Section 3 of this by-law and who pays the required fee. Failure to comply with the provisions of this by-law shall be a basis for denial of a license or for suspension or revocation of a license issued under this by-law.